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EXHIBIT 5

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8310. Sanctions for Violation of the Rules

(a) Imposition of Sanction

After compliance with the Rule 9000 Series, the Exchange may impose one or more of the following sanctions on a member or person associated with a member for each violation of the federal securities laws, rules or regulations thereunder, or the Equity Rules, or may impose one or more of the following sanctions on a member or person associated with a member for any neglect or refusal to comply with an order, direction, or decision issued under the Equity Rules:

- (1) (5) No change.
- (6) [impose a temporary or permanent cease and desist order against a member or a person associated with a member; or]impose a temporary or permanent cease and desist order against a member or a person associated with a member; or
- (7) No change.
- **(b)** No change.

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IM-8310-3. Release of Disciplinary Complaints, Decisions and Other Information

- (a) (b) No change.
- (c)(1) The Exchange's Regulation Department shall release to the public information with respect to any disciplinary decision issued pursuant to the Rule 9000 Series imposing a suspension, cancellation or expulsion of a member; or suspension or revocation of the registration of a person associated with a member; or suspension or barring of a member or person associated with a member from association with all members; or imposition of monetary sanctions of \$10,000 or more upon a member or person associated with a member; or containing an allegation of a violation of a Designated Rule; and may also release such information with respect to any disciplinary decision or group of decisions that involve a significant policy or enforcement determination where the release of information is deemed by the Chief Regulatory Officer to be in the public interest. The Exchange's Regulation Department also may release to the public information with respect to any decision issued pursuant to the Rule

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9550 Series imposing a suspension or cancellation of the member or a suspension or bar of the association of a person with a member, unless the Exchange's Regulation Department determines otherwise. The Exchange's Regulation Department may, in its discretion, determine to waive the requirement to release information with respect to a disciplinary or other decision under those extraordinary circumstances where the release of such information would violate fundamental notions of fairness or work an injustice. [The Exchange's Regulation Department also shall release to the public information with respect to any temporary cease and desist order issued pursuant to the Rule 9800 Series.]The Exchange's Regulation Department also shall release to the public information with respect to any temporary cease and desist order issued pursuant to the Rule 9800 Series. The Exchange's Regulation Department may release to the public information on any disciplinary or other decision issued pursuant to the Rule 9000 Series, not specifically enumerated in this paragraph, regardless of sanctions imposed, so long as the names of the parties and other identifying information is redacted.

- (A) (B) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (d) (l) No change.

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9120. Definitions

(a) - (q) No change.

(r) "Hearing Officer"

The term "Hearing Officer" means an attorney who is appointed by the Chief Hearing Officer to act in an adjudicative role and fulfill various adjudicative responsibilities and duties described in the Rule 9200 Series regarding disciplinary proceedings, the Rule 9550 Series regarding expedited proceedings, [and the Rule 9800 Series regarding temporary cease and desist proceedings brought against members and associated persons] and the Rule 9800 Series regarding temporary cease and desist proceedings brought against members and associated persons. Hearing Officers may be drawn from FINRA's pool of Hearing Officers pursuant to the Regulatory Contract, if approved by the Exchange Board of Directors at least annually.

(s) "Hearing Panel"

The term "Hearing Panel" means an Adjudicator that is constituted under Rule 9231 to conduct a disciplinary proceeding governed by the Rule 9200 Series, [or]that is constituted under the Rule 9520 Series or the Rule 9550 Series to conduct a proceeding, or that is constituted under the Rule 9800 Series to conduct a temporary cease and desist proceeding.

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(t) "Interested Staff"

The term "Interested Staff" means, in the context of:

- (1) No change.
- (2) a proceeding under the Rule 9520 Series or Rule 9550 Series:
 - (A) the head of the department or office that issues the notice <u>or petition</u> or is designated as a Party;
 - $(\mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{C})$ No change.
 - (**D**) an employee of the Exchange's Regulation Department or a FINRA employee who directly participated in an examination, investigation, prosecution, or litigation related to a specific proceeding, and a district director or department head to whom such employee reports; or
- (3) a proceeding under the Rule 9600 Series:
 - (A) (C) No change
 - **(D)** an employee of the Exchange's Regulation Department or a FINRA employee who directly participated in an examination, investigation, prosecution, or litigation related to a specific exemption proceeding, and a district director or department head to whom such employee reports[.]; or
- (4) a proceeding under the Rule 9800 Series:
 - (A) the Head of Enforcement;
 - (B) an employee of the Department of Enforcement who reports, directly or indirectly, to the Head of Enforcement;
 - (C) an Exchange Regulation Department or FINRA employee who directly participated in the authorization of the notice that initiates a temporary cease and desist proceeding:
 - (**D**) an Exchange Regulation Department or FINRA employee who directly participated in an examination, investigation, prosecution, or litigation related to a specific temporary cease and desist proceeding, and a district director or department head to whom such employee reports;
 - (E) the Head of the Department of Market Regulation; or
 - (F) an employee of the Department of Market Regulation who reports, directly or indirectly, to the Head of the Department of Market Regulation.

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 $(\mathbf{u}) - (\mathbf{y})$ No change.

(z) "Panelist"

The term "Panelist," as used in the Rule 9200 Series, the Rule 9550 Series, and the Rule 9800 Series, means a member of a Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel who is not a Hearing Officer. As used in the Rule 9300 Series, the term means a current or former member of the Exchange Review Council or a former Director who is appointed to serve on a Subcommittee or an Extended Proceeding Committee.

(aa) No change.

(bb) "Respondent"

The term "Respondent" means, in a disciplinary proceeding governed by the Rule 9200 Series and in an appeal or review governed by the Rule 9300 Series, an Exchange member or associated person against whom a complaint is issued. In a proceeding governed by the Rule 9800 Series, the term "Respondent" means an Exchange member or associated person that has been served a notice initiating a cease and desist proceeding.

(cc) - (ee) No change.

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9241. Pre-Hearing Conference

(a) - (b) No change.

(c) Subjects to be Discussed

At a pre-hearing conference, the Hearing Officer [shall schedule an expedited proceeding as required by Rule 9290, and]shall schedule an expedited proceeding as required by Rule 9290, and may consider and take action with respect to any or all of the following:

- (1) (10) No change.
- $(\mathbf{d}) (\mathbf{f})$ No change.

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9268. Decision of Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel

(a) No change.

(b) Contents of Decision

The decision shall include:

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- (1) (4) No change
- (5) a statement of the Hearing Panel, or the Extended Hearing Panel, in support of the disposition of the principal issues raised in the proceeding; [and]
- (6) a statement describing any sanction imposed, the reasons therefor, and the date upon which such sanction shall become effective. Unless otherwise provided in the decision, the sanction(s) shall become effective on a date to be determined by the Exchange's Regulation Department staff[.]; and
- (7) a statement, when the sanctions include a permanent cease and desist order, that is consistent with the requirements of Rule 9291(a) concerning the content, scope, and form of a permanent cease and desist order.
- (c) (e) No change

9269. Default Decisions

(a) Issuance of Default Decisions

- (1) (3) No change.
- (4) The Office of Hearing Officers shall provide a copy of the default decision to each Exchange member with which a Respondent is associated.
- **(b) (d)** No change.

9270. Settlement Procedure

(a) – (b) No change.

(c) Content and Signature Requirements

An offer of settlement shall be in writing and signed by the person making the offer, and, if the person is represented by counsel or a representative, signed also by the counsel or representative. The offer of settlement shall contain in reasonable detail:

- (1) (4) No change.
- (5) a proposed sanction to be imposed that is consistent with the current sanction guidelines or, if inconsistent with the sanction guidelines, a detailed statement supporting the proposed sanction; [and,]
- (6) if applicable, a proposed permanent cease and desist order to be imposed that is consistent with the requirements of Rule 9291(a) concerning the content, scope, and form of a permanent cease and desist order; and

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([6]7) the effective date of any sanction(s) imposed, or a statement that the effective date of the sanction(s) will be a date to be determined by the Exchange's Regulation Department staff.

(d) No change.

(e) Uncontested Offers of Settlement

If a Respondent makes an offer of settlement and the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation does not oppose it, the offer of settlement is uncontested. If an offer of settlement is determined to be uncontested by the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation before a hearing on the merits has begun, the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall transmit the uncontested offer of settlement and a proposed order of acceptance to the Exchange Review Council (or to the Office of Disciplinary Affairs, in the case of a Respondent that is an affiliate of the Exchange within the meaning of Rule 2140) with its recommendation. If an offer of settlement is determined to be uncontested by the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation after a hearing on the merits has begun, the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall transmit the offer of settlement and a proposed order of acceptance to the Hearing Panel or, if applicable, the Extended Hearing Panel for acceptance or rejection. If accepted by the Hearing Panel or, if applicable, Extended Hearing Panel, the offer of settlement and the order of acceptance shall be forwarded to the Exchange Review Council (or to the Office of Disciplinary Affairs, in the case of a Respondent that is an affiliate of the Exchange within the meaning of Rule 2140) to accept or reject.

- (1) A proposed order of acceptance shall make findings of fact, including a statement of the rule, regulation, or statutory provision violated, and impose sanctions (including, if applicable, a permanent cease and desist order) consistent with the terms of the offer of settlement.
- (2) No change.
- (3) If the offer of settlement and order of acceptance are accepted by the Exchange Review Council, the Review Subcommittee, or the Office of Disciplinary Affairs, they shall become final and the Director of the Office of Disciplinary Affairs shall issue the order and notify the Office of Hearing Officers. The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall provide a copy of an issued order of acceptance to each Exchange member with which a Respondent is associated.

(f) Contested Offers of Settlement

If a Respondent makes an offer of settlement and the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation opposes it, the offer of settlement is contested. When the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation opposes an offer

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of settlement, the Respondent's written offer and the Department of Enforcement's or the Department of Market Regulation's written opposition shall be submitted to a Hearing Panel or, if applicable, an Extended Hearing Panel. The Hearing Panel or, if applicable, the Extended Hearing Panel, may order the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation and the Respondent to attend a settlement conference.

- (1) If a contested offer of settlement is approved by the Hearing Panel or, if applicable, Extended Hearing Panel, the Hearing Officer shall draft an order of acceptance of the offer of settlement. The order of acceptance shall make findings of fact, including a statement of the rule, regulation, or statutory provision violated, and impose sanctions (including, if applicable, a permanent cease and desist order) consistent with the terms of the offer of settlement. The offer of settlement, any written opposition thereto, and the order of acceptance shall be forwarded to the Exchange Review Council (or to the Office of Disciplinary Affairs, in the case of a Respondent that is an affiliate of the Exchange within the meaning of Rule 2140) to accept or reject.
- (2) No change.
- (3) If the offer of settlement and order of acceptance are accepted by the Office of Disciplinary Affairs, the Exchange Review Council or the Review Subcommittee, the Chief Regulatory Officer shall issue the order and notify the Office of Hearing Officers, and provide a copy of an issued order of acceptance to each Exchange member with which a Respondent is associated.
- $(\mathbf{g}) (\mathbf{j})$ No change.

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[9290. Expedited Disciplinary Proceedings

For any disciplinary proceeding, the subject matter of which also is subject to a temporary cease and desist proceeding initiated pursuant to Rule 9810 or a temporary cease and desist order, hearings shall be held and decisions shall be rendered at the earliest possible time. An expedited hearing schedule shall be determined at a pre-hearing conference held in accordance with Rule 9241.]

9290. Expedited Disciplinary Proceedings

For any disciplinary proceeding, the subject matter of which also is subject to a temporary cease and desist proceeding initiated pursuant to Rule 9810 or a temporary cease and desist order, hearings shall be held and decisions shall be rendered at the earliest possible time. An expedited hearing schedule shall be determined at a pre-hearing conference held in accordance with Rule 9241.

9291. Permanent Cease and Desist Orders

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(a) Content, Scope and Form Requirements

When a decision issued under Rule 9268 or Rule 9269 or an order of acceptance issued under Rule 9270 imposes a permanent cease and desist order, it shall:

- (1) order a Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member firm) to cease and desist permanently from violating a specific rule or statutory provision;
- (2) set forth the violation; and
- (3) describe in reasonable detail the act or acts the Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member firm) shall take or refrain from taking.

(b) Delivery Requirement

Where a Respondent is a member firm, Respondent shall deliver a copy of a permanent cease and desist order, within one business day of receiving it, to its associated persons.

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9311. Appeal by Any Party; Cross-Appeal

(a) No change.

(b) Effect

An appeal to the Exchange Review Council from a decision issued pursuant to Rule 9268 or Rule 9269 shall operate as a stay of that decision until the Exchange Review Council issues a decision pursuant to Rule 9349 or, in cases called for discretionary review by the Exchange Board, until a decision is issued pursuant to Rule 9351. [Any such appeal, however, will not stay a decision, or that part of a decision, that imposes a permanent cease and desist order.] Any such appeal, however, will not stay a decision, or that part of a decision, that imposes a permanent cease and desist order.

(c) - (f) No change.

9312. Review Proceeding Initiated By the Exchange Review Council

(a) No change.

(b) Effect

Institution of review by a member of the Exchange Review Council on his or her own motion, a member of the Review Subcommittee on his or her own motion, or the Chief Regulatory Officer, on his or her own motion, shall operate as a stay of a final decision

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issued pursuant to Rule 9268 or Rule 9269 as to all Parties subject to the notice of review, until the Exchange Review Council issues a decision pursuant to Rule 9349, or, in cases called for discretionary review by the Exchange Board, until a decision is issued pursuant to Rule 9351. [Institution of any such review, however, will not stay a decision, or that part of a decision, that imposes a permanent cease and desist order.] Institution of any such review, however, will not stay a decision, or that part of a decision, that imposes a permanent cease and desist order.

(c) - (d) No change.

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9348. Powers of the Exchange Review Council on Review

In any appeal or review proceeding pursuant to the Rule 9300 Series, the Exchange Review Council may affirm, dismiss, modify, or reverse with respect to each finding, or remand the disciplinary proceeding with instructions. The Exchange Review Council may affirm, modify, reverse, increase, or reduce any sanction (including the terms of any permanent cease and desist order), or impose any other fitting sanction.

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9351. Discretionary Review by the Exchange Board

(a) - (c) No change.

(d) Decision of the Exchange Board, Including Remand

After review, the Exchange Board may affirm, modify, or reverse the proposed written decision of the Exchange Review Council. The Exchange Board may affirm, modify, reverse, increase, or reduce any sanction (including the terms of any permanent cease and desist order), or impose any other fitting sanction. Alternatively, the Exchange Board may remand the disciplinary proceeding with instructions. The Exchange Board shall prepare a written decision that includes all of the elements described in Rule 9349(b)(1) through (6).

(e) No change.

9360. Effectiveness of Sanctions

Unless otherwise provided in the decision issued under Rule 9349 or Rule 9351, a sanction (other than a bar, an expulsion, [or a permanent cease and desist order] or a permanent cease and desist order) specified in a decision constituting final disciplinary action of the Exchange for purposes of SEC Rule 19d-1(c)(1) shall become effective on a date to be determined by the Exchange staff (or the Hearing Panel, Extended Hearing Panel, or Office of Disciplinary Affairs in the case of a decision with respect to an affiliate of the Exchange within the meaning of Rule 2140). A bar, an expulsion, [or a

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permanent cease and desist order]or a permanent cease and desist order shall become effective upon service of the decision constituting final disciplinary action of the Exchange, unless otherwise specified therein. The Exchange shall serve the decision on a Respondent by courier, facsimile or other means reasonably likely to obtain prompt service when the sanction is a bar, an expulsion, [or a permanent cease and desist order]or a permanent cease and desist order.

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9552. Failure to Provide Information or Keep Information Current

(a) No change.

(b) Service of Notice of Suspension

Except as provided below, t[T]he Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member or person with such notice (or upon counsel representing the member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member or person) in accordance with Rule 9134 or by facsimile or email. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a person associated with a member also shall be served on such member. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the member's facsimile number listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160, except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that a member's FINRA Contact System facsimile number is out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the member by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by email shall be sent to the member's email address listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160 and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by facsimile or email shall be sent to the person's last known facsimile number or email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by facsimile or email shall be sent to the facsimile number or email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) – (h) No change.

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9553. Failure to Pay the Exchange Dues, Fees and Other Charges

(a) No change.

(b) Service of Notice of Suspension, Cancellation or Bar

Except as provided below, t[T]he Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member or person with such notice (or upon counsel representing the member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member or person) in accordance with Rule 9134 or by facsimile or email. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a person associated with a member also shall be served on such member. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the member's facsimile number listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160, except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that a member's FINRA Contact System facsimile number is out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the member by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by email shall be sent to the member's email address listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160 and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by facsimile or email shall be sent to the person's last known facsimile number or email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by facsimile or email shall be sent to the facsimile number or email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) - (g) No change.

9554. Failure to Comply with an Arbitration Award or Related Settlement or an Order of Restitution or Settlement Providing for Restitution

(a) No change.

(b) Service of Notice of Suspension or Cancellation

Except as provided below, t[T]he Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member or person with such notice (or upon counsel representing the member or person,

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or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member or person) in accordance with Rule 9134 or by facsimile or email. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a person associated with a member also shall be served on such member. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the member's facsimile number listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160, except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that a member's FINRA Contact System facsimile number is out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the member by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by email shall be sent to the member's email address listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160 and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by facsimile or email shall be sent to the person's last known facsimile number or email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by facsimile or email shall be sent to the facsimile number or email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) - (g) No change.

9555. Failure to Meet the Eligibility or Qualification Standards or Prerequisites for Access to Services

(a) No change.

(b) Service of Notice

Except as provided below, t[T]he Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member or person with such notice (or upon counsel representing the member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member or person) in accordance with Rule 9134 or by facsimile or email. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a person associated with a member also shall be served on such member. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the member's facsimile number listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160, except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that a member's FINRA Contact System facsimile number is

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out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the member by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by email shall be sent to the member's email address listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160 and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by facsimile or email shall be sent to the person's last known facsimile number or email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, by facsimile or email shall be sent to the facsimile number or email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, mailing the notice by U.S. Postal Service first class mail, first class certified mail, first class registered mail, or Express Mail, sending the notice through a courier service, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete.

(c) - (f) No change.

(g) Request for Termination of the Limitation, Prohibition or Suspension

A member or person subject to a limitation, prohibition or suspension under this Rule may file a written request for termination of the limitation, prohibition or suspension on the ground of full compliance with the notice or decision. Such request shall be filed with the head of the [FINRA]<u>Exchange</u> department or office that issued the notice or, if another [FINRA]<u>Exchange</u> department or office is named as the party handling the matter on behalf of the issuing department or office, with the head of the [FINRA]<u>Exchange</u> department or office that is so designated. The appropriate head of the department or office may grant relief for good cause shown.

[9556. Failure to Comply with Temporary and Permanent Cease and Desist Orders

Rule 9556, and related provisions of Rule 8310, IM-8310-3(c)(1), 9120(aa), 9241(c), 9290, 9311(b), 9312(b), 9360 and the Rule 9800 Series, shall expire on June 23, 2009, unless extended or permanently adopted pursuant to SEC approval at or before such date.

(a) Notice of Suspension, Cancellation or Bar

If a member, person associated with a member or person subject to the Exchange's jurisdiction fails to comply with a temporary or permanent cease and desist order issued under the Rule 9200, 9300 or 9800 Series, the Exchange's Regulation Department staff — after receiving written authorization from the Chief Regulatory Officer — may issue a notice to such member or person stating that the failure to comply with the temporary or permanent cease and desist order within seven days of service of the notice will result in

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a suspension or cancellation of membership or a suspension or bar from associating with any member.

(b) Service of Notice

The Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member or person subject to a notice issued under this Rule by facsimile, overnight courier or personal delivery. Papers served on a member or person by overnight courier or personal delivery shall conform to paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the facsimile number listed in the member's contact questionnaire submitted to the Exchange pursuant to the Exchange's By-Laws, except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that an entity's contact questionnaire facsimile number is out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the entity by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by facsimile shall be sent to the person's last known facsimile number and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a person associated with a member also shall be served on such member. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile, mailing the notice by overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete upon sending the duplicate service.

(c) Contents of Notice

The notice shall explicitly identify the provision of the permanent or temporary cease and desist order that is alleged to have been violated and shall contain a statement of facts specifying the alleged violation. The notice shall state when the Exchange action will take effect and explain what the respondent must do to avoid such action. The notice shall state that the respondent may file a written request for a hearing with the Office of Hearing Officers pursuant to Rule 9559. The notice also shall inform the respondent of the applicable deadline for filing a request for a hearing and shall state that a request for a hearing must set forth with specificity any and all defenses to the Exchange action. In addition, the notice shall explain that, pursuant to Rules 8310(a) and 9559(n), a Hearing Officer or, if applicable, Hearing Panel, may approve, modify or withdraw any and all sanctions or limitations imposed by the notice, and may impose any other fitting sanction.

(d) Effective Date of Suspension, Cancellation or Bar

The suspension, cancellation or bar referenced in a notice issued and served under this Rule shall become effective seven days after service of the notice, unless stayed by a request for a hearing pursuant to Rule 9559.

(e) Request for a Hearing

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A member served with a notice under this Rule may file with the Office of Hearing Officers a written request for a hearing pursuant to Rule 9559. A request for a hearing shall be made before the effective date of the notice, as indicated in paragraph (d) of this Rule. A request for a hearing must set forth with specificity any and all defenses to the Exchange action.

(f) Failure to Request Hearing

If a member or person does not timely request a hearing, the suspension, cancellation or bar specified in the notice shall become effective seven days after the service of the notice and the notice shall constitute final Exchange action.

(g) Request for Termination of the Suspension

A member or person subject to a suspension under this Rule may file a written request for termination of the suspension on the ground of full compliance with the notice or decision. Such request shall be filed with the head of the FINRA department or office that issued the notice or, if another FINRA department or office is named as the party handling the matter on behalf of the issuing department or office, with the head of the FINRA department or office that is so designated. The appropriate head of the department or office may grant relief for good cause shown.]

9556. Failure to Comply with Temporary and Permanent Cease and Desist Orders

(a) Notice of Suspension, Cancellation or Bar

If a member, person associated with a member or person subject to the Exchange's jurisdiction fails to comply with a temporary or permanent cease and desist order issued under the Rule 9200, 9300 or 9800 Series, the Exchange's Regulation Department staff — after receiving written authorization from the Chief Regulatory Officer — may issue a notice to such member or person stating that the failure to comply with the temporary or permanent cease and desist order within seven days of service of the notice will result in a suspension or cancellation of membership or a suspension or bar from associating with any member.

(b) Service of Notice

The Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member or person subject to a notice issued under this Rule (or upon counsel representing the member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member or person) by facsimile, email, overnight courier or personal delivery. Papers served on a member, person, or counsel for such member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by overnight courier or personal delivery shall conform to paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and, with respect to a member or person, (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the

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member's facsimile number listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160, except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that a member's FINRA Contact System facsimile number is out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the member by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by email shall be sent to the member's email address listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160 and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by facsimile or email shall be sent to the person's last known facsimile number or email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by facsimile or email shall be sent to the facsimile number or email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a person associated with a member also shall be served on such member. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, sending the notice by overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete upon sending the duplicate service.

(c) Contents of Notice

The notice shall explicitly identify the provision of the permanent or temporary cease and desist order that is alleged to have been violated and shall contain a statement of facts specifying the alleged violation. The notice shall state when the Exchange action will take effect and explain what the respondent must do to avoid such action. The notice shall state that the respondent may file a written request for a hearing with the Office of Hearing Officers pursuant to Rule 9559. The notice also shall inform the respondent of the applicable deadline for filing a request for a hearing and shall state that a request for a hearing must set forth with specificity any and all defenses to the Exchange action. In addition, the notice shall explain that, pursuant to Rules 8310(a) and 9559(n), a Hearing Officer or, if applicable, Hearing Panel, may approve, modify or withdraw any and all sanctions or limitations imposed by the notice, and may impose any other fitting sanction.

(d) Effective Date of Suspension, Cancellation or Bar

The suspension, cancellation or bar referenced in a notice issued and served under this Rule shall become effective seven days after service of the notice, unless stayed by a request for a hearing pursuant to Rule 9559.

(e) Request for a Hearing

A member served with a notice under this Rule may file with the Office of Hearing Officers a written request for a hearing pursuant to Rule 9559. A request for a hearing

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shall be made before the effective date of the notice, as indicated in paragraph (d) of this Rule. A request for a hearing must set forth with specificity any and all defenses to the Exchange action.

(f) Failure to Request Hearing

If a member or person does not timely request a hearing, the suspension, cancellation or bar specified in the notice shall become effective seven days after the service of the notice and the notice shall constitute final Exchange action.

(g) Request for Termination of the Suspension

A member or person subject to a suspension imposed after the process described in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this Rule may file a written request for termination of the suspension on the ground of full compliance with the notice or decision. Such request shall be filed with the head of the Exchange department or office that issued the notice or, if another Exchange department or office is named as the party handling the matter on behalf of the issuing department or office, with the head of the Exchange department or office that is so designated. The appropriate head of the department or office may grant relief for good cause shown.

(h) Subsequent Proceedings

If a member, person associated with a member or person subject to the Exchange's jurisdiction fails to comply with a temporary or permanent cease and desist order issued under the Rule 9200, 9300, or 9800 Series, and has previously been served under paragraph (a) of this Rule with a notice for a failure to comply with any provision of the same temporary or permanent cease and desist order, the Exchange's Regulation Department staff, after receiving written authorization from the Chief Regulatory Officer, may file a petition with the Office of Hearing Officers seeking a hearing pursuant to Rule 9559 and the imposition of any fitting sanctions for such member's or person's failure to comply with the temporary or permanent cease and desist order.

- (1) The petition shall be served in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Rule, and it shall be filed with the Office of Hearing Officers.
- (2) The petition shall explicitly identify the provision of the permanent or temporary cease and desist order that is alleged to have been violated, contain a statement of facts specifying the alleged violation, describe with particularity the sanctions that the Exchange's Regulation Department staff seeks to have imposed, and note that a hearing under Rule 9559 is requested. The Exchange's Regulation Department staff may seek the imposition of any fitting sanction.
- (3) Upon the filing of the petition, Rule 9559 shall govern the proceeding.

 Respondent's full compliance with the temporary or permanent cease and desist order is not a ground for dismissing a proceeding brought pursuant to this paragraph (h).

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(4) The Exchange Department that filed the petition can withdraw it without prejudice and shall be permitted to refile a petition based on allegations concerning the same facts and circumstances that are set forth in the withdrawn petition.

9557. Procedures for Regulating Activities Under Rules 4110A and 4120A Regarding a Member Experiencing Financial or Operational Difficulties

(a) No change.

(b) Service of Notice

The Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member subject to a notice issued under this Rule (or upon counsel representing the member, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member) by facsimile, email, overnight courier or personal delivery. Papers served on a member, counsel for such member, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by overnight courier or personal delivery shall conform to paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and, with respect to a member, (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the member's facsimile number listed in the [member's contact questionnaire]FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160[the Exchange's By-Laws], except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that a[n entity's contact questionnaire] member's FINRA Contact System facsimile number is out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the [entity]member by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by email shall be sent to the member's email address listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160 and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on counsel for a member, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by facsimile or email shall be sent to the facsimile number or email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile[,] or email, sending [mailing] the notice by overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete upon sending the duplicate service.

(c) - (h) No change.

9558. Summary Proceedings for Actions Authorized by Section 6(d)(3) of the Act

- (a) No change.
- (b) Service of Notice

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The Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall serve the member or person subject to a notice issued under this Rule (or upon counsel representing the member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the member or person)[shall be served] by facsimile, email, overnight courier, or personal delivery. Papers served on a member or person, person or counsel for such member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by overnight courier or personal delivery shall conform to paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and, with respect to a member or person, (b)(1) and (2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by facsimile shall be sent to the member's facsimile number listed in [the member's contact questionnaire|FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160[the Exchange's By-Laws], except that, if the Exchange's Regulation Department staff has actual knowledge that a[n entity's contact questionnaire] member's FINRA Contact System facsimile number is out of date, duplicate copies shall be sent to the [entity]member by overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a member by email shall be sent to the member's email address listed in the FINRA Contact System submitted to the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1160 and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(2) of Rule 9134. Papers served on a person by facsimile or email shall be sent to the person's last known facsimile number or email address and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) and (b)(1) of Rule 9134. A copy of a notice under this Rule that is served on a person associated with a member also shall be served on such member. Papers served on counsel for a member or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 by facsimile or email shall be sent to the facsimile number or email address that counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 provides and shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery in conformity with paragraphs (a)(1) and (3) of Rule 9134. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile[,] or email, sending[mailing] the notice by overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete upon sending the duplicate service.

(c) - (g) No change.

9559. Hearing Procedures for Expedited Proceedings Under the Rule 9550 Series

(a) Applicability

The hearing procedures under this Rule shall apply to a member, person associated with a member, person subject to the Exchange's jurisdiction or other person who is served with a notice issued under the Rule 9550 Series and who timely requests a hearing or who is served with a petition instituting an expedited proceeding under Rule 9556(h). For purposes of this Rule, such members or persons shall be referred to as respondents.

(b) No change

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(c) Stays

(1) Unless the Chief Hearing Officer or the Hearing Officer assigned to the matter orders otherwise for good cause shown, a timely request for a hearing shall stay the effectiveness of a notice issued under Rules 9552[1] through 9556, except that: (A) the effectiveness of a notice of a limitation or prohibition on access to services offered by the Exchange or a member thereof under Rule 9555 with respect to services to which the member or person does not have access shall not be stayed by a request for a hearing; and (B) this paragraph has no applicability to a petition instituting an expedited proceeding under Rule 9556(h).

(2) – (3) No change.

(d) Appointment and Authority of Hearing Officer and/or Hearing Panel

- (1) For proceedings initiated under Rules 9553, [and]9554, and 9556(h), the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint a Hearing Officer to preside over and act as the sole adjudicator for the matter.
- (2) For proceedings initiated under Rules [9551,]9552, 9555, 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)), 9557 and 9558, the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint a Hearing Panel composed of a Hearing Officer and two Panelists. The Hearing Officer shall serve as the chair of the Hearing Panel. For proceedings initiated under Rules [9551,]9552, 9555, 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)) and 9558, the Chief Hearing Officer shall select as Panelists persons who meet the qualifications delineated in Rules 9231 and 9232. For proceedings initiated under Rule 9557, the Chief Hearing Officer shall select as Panelists current or former members of the Exchange's Financial Responsibility Committee.
- (3) (6) No change.
- (e) No change.

(f) Time of Hearing

- (1) No change.
- (2) A hearing shall be held within ten days after a respondent is served a petition seeking an expedited proceeding issued under Rule 9556(h).
- ([2]3) A hearing shall be held within 14 days after a respondent subject to a notice issued under Rules 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)) and 9558 files a written request for a hearing with the Office of Hearing Officers.

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([3]4) A hearing shall be held within 30 days after a respondent subject to a notice issued under Rules 9552[1] through 9555 files a written request for a hearing with the Office of Hearing Officers.

([4] $\underline{\mathbf{5}}$) The timelines established by paragraphs (f)(1) through (f) $\underline{(4)}$ [(3)] confer no substantive rights on the parties.

(g) Notice of Hearing

The Hearing Officer shall issue a notice stating the date, time, and place of the hearing as follows:

- (1) No change.
- (2) At least six days prior to the hearing in the case of an action brought pursuant to Rule 9556(h);
- ([2]3) At least seven days prior to the hearing in the case of an action brought pursuant to Rules 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)) and 9558; and
- ([3]4) At least 21 days prior to the hearing in the case of an action brought pursuant to Rules 955[1]2 through 9555.

(h) Transmission of Documents

- (1) Not less than two business days before the hearing in an action brought under Rule 9557, not less than six days before the hearing in an action brought under Rule 9556(h), not less than seven days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 9556 (except Rule 9556(h)) and 9558, and not less than 14 days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 955[1]2 through 9555, the Exchange's Regulation Department staff shall provide to the respondent who requested the hearing or the respondent who has received a petition pursuant to Rule 9556(h), by facsimile, email, [or]overnight courier or personal delivery, all documents that were considered in issuing the notice unless a document meets the criteria of Rule 9251(b)(1)(A), (B) or (C). Documents served by facsimile or email shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery. A document that meets [such]the criteria in this paragraph shall not constitute part of the record, but shall be retained until the date upon which the Exchange's final decision is served or, if applicable, upon the conclusion of any review by the Securities and Exchange Commission or the federal courts.
- (2) Not less than two business days before the hearing in an action brought under Rule 9557, not less than three days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 9556 and 9558, and not less than seven days before the hearing in an action brought under Rules 9552[1] through 9555, the parties shall exchange proposed exhibit and witness lists. The exhibit and witness lists shall be served by facsimile,

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email, [or]by overnight courier or personal delivery. Documents served by facsimile or email shall also be served by either overnight courier or personal delivery.

(i) - (l) No change.

(m) Failure to Appear at a Pre-Hearing Conference or Hearing or to Comply with a Hearing Officer Order Requiring the Production of Information

Failure of any respondent to appear before the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel at any status conference, pre-hearing conference or hearing, or to comply with any order of the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, Hearing Panel requiring production of information to support any defense to the notice or petition that respondent has raised, shall be considered an abandonment of the respondent's defense and waiver of any opportunity for a hearing provided by the Rule 9550 Series. In such cases[,]:

- (1) [t] The notice issued under the Rule 9550 Series shall be deemed to be final the Exchange action. The Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may permit the hearing to go forward as to those parties who appear and otherwise comply with this Rule.
- (2) The Hearing Officer may issue a default decision against a respondent who is the subject of a petition filed pursuant to Rule 9556(h) and may deem the allegations against that respondent admitted. The contents of a default decision shall conform to the content requirements of Rule 9559(p). A respondent may, for good cause shown, file a motion to set aside a default. Upon a showing of good cause, the Hearing Officer that entered the original order shall decide the motion. If the Hearing Officer is not available, the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint another Hearing Officer to decide the motion. If a default decision is not called for review pursuant to Rule 9559(q), the default decision shall become the final Exchange action.

(n) Sanctions, Costs and Remands

- (1) In any action brought under the Rule 9550 Series, other than an action brought under Rule 9556(h) or Rule 9557, the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may approve, modify or withdraw any and all sanctions, requirements, restrictions or limitations imposed by the notice and, pursuant to Rule 8310(a), may also impose any other fitting sanction.
- (2) In an action brought under Rule 9556(h), the Hearing Officer may impose any fitting sanction.
- ([2]3) In an action brought under Rule 9557, the Hearing Panel shall approve or withdraw the requirements and/or restrictions imposed by the notice. If the Hearing Panel approves the requirements and/or restrictions and finds that the respondent has not complied with all of them, the Hearing Panel shall impose an immediate suspension on the respondent that shall remain in effect unless the Exchange's

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Regulation Department staff issues a letter of withdrawal of all requirements and/or restrictions pursuant to Rule 9557(g)(2).

- ([3]4) The Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may impose costs pursuant to Rule 8330 regarding all actions brought under the Rule 9550 Series.
- ([4]5) In any action brought under the Rule 9550 Series, other than an action brought under Rule 9556(h) or Rule 9557, the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel may remand the matter to the department or office that issued the notice for further consideration of specified matters.

(o) Timing of Decision

- (1) (2) No change.
- (3) Proceedings initiated under Rules [9551,]9552 and 9555

Within 60 days of the date of the close of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall prepare a proposed written decision that reflects the views of the Hearing Panel, as determined by majority vote, and provide it to the Exchange Review Council's Review Subcommittee.

- (4) No change.
- (5) If not timely called for review by the Exchange Review Council's Review Subcommittee pursuant to paragraph (q) of this Rule, the Hearing Officer's or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel's written decision shall constitute final Exchange action. For decisions issued under Rules 9552[1] through 9556 and 9558, the Office of Hearing Officers shall promptly serve the decision of the Hearing Officer or, if applicable, the Hearing Panel on the Parties and provide a copy to each Exchange member with which the respondent is associated.
- (6) No change.
- $(\mathbf{p}) (\mathbf{s})$ No change.

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[9800. Temporary Cease and Desist Orders

The entire Rule 9800 Series, and related provisions of Rules 8310, IM-8310-3(c)(1), 9120(aa), 9241(c), 9290, 9311(b), 9312(b), 9360, and 9556, shall expire on June 23, 2009, unless extended or permanently adopted pursuant to SEC approval at or before such date.

9810. Initiation of Proceeding

(a) Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation

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With the prior written authorization of FINRA's Chairman and CEO or FINRA's Senior Vice President for Regulatory Policy and Programs, the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation may initiate a temporary cease and desist proceeding with respect to alleged violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5 thereunder; SEC Rules 15g-1 through 15g-9; Equity Rule 2110 (if the alleged violation is unauthorized trading, or misuse or conversion of customer assets, or based on violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933); Equity Rule 2120; or Equity Rule 2150 (if the alleged violation is misuse or conversion of customer assets). The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall initiate the proceeding by serving a notice on a member or associated person (hereinafter "Respondent") and filing a copy thereof with the Office of Hearing Officers. The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall serve the notice by personal service, overnight commercial courier, or facsimile. If service is made by facsimile, the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall send an additional copy of the notice by overnight commercial courier. The notice shall be effective upon service.

(b) Contents of Notice

The notice shall set forth the rule or statutory provision that the Respondent is alleged to have violated and that the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation is seeking to have the Respondent ordered to cease violating. The notice also shall state whether the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation is requesting the Respondent to be required to take action or to refrain from taking action. The notice shall be accompanied by:

- (1) a declaration of facts, signed by a person with knowledge of the facts contained therein, that specifies the acts or omissions that constitute the alleged violation; and
- (2) a proposed order that contains the required elements of a temporary cease and desist order (except the date and hour of the order's issuance), which are set forth in Rule 9840(b).

(c) Filing of Underlying Complaint

If the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation has not issued a complaint under Rule 9211 against the Respondent relating to the subject matter of the temporary cease and desist proceeding and alleging violations of the rule or statutory provision specified in the notice described in paragraph (b), the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall serve and file such a complaint with the notice initiating the temporary cease and desist proceeding.

9820. Appointment of Hearing Officer and Hearing Panel

(a) As soon as practicable after the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation files a copy of the notice initiating a temporary cease and desist

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proceeding with the Office of Hearing Officers, the Chief Hearing Officer shall assign a Hearing Officer to preside over the temporary cease and desist proceeding. The Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint two Panelists to serve on a Hearing Panel with the Hearing Officer. The Panelists shall be current or former Directors or the Exchange Review Council members, and at least one Panelist shall be an associated person.

- (b) If at any time a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist determines that he or she has a conflict of interest or bias or circumstances otherwise exist where his or her fairness might reasonably be questioned, or if a Party files a motion to disqualify a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist, the recusal and disqualification proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with Rules 9233 and 9234, except that:
- (1) a motion seeking disqualification of a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist must be filed no later than 5 days after the later of the events described in paragraph (b) of Rules 9233 and 9234; and
- (2) the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint a replacement Panelist using the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of this Rule.

9830. Hearing

(a) When Held

The hearing shall be held not later than 15 days after service of the notice and filing initiating the temporary cease and desist proceeding, unless otherwise extended by the Hearing Officer with the consent of the Parties for good cause shown. If a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist is recused or disqualified, the hearing shall be held not later than five days after a replacement Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist is appointed.

(b) Service of Notice of Hearing

The Office of Hearing Officers shall serve a notice of date, time, and place of the hearing on the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation and the Respondent not later than seven days before the hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the Hearing Officer. Service shall be made by personal service, overnight commercial courier, or facsimile. If service is made by facsimile, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the notice by overnight commercial courier. The notice shall be effective upon service.

(c) Authority of Hearing Officer

The Hearing Officer shall have authority to do all things necessary and appropriate to discharge his or her duties as set forth under Rule 9235.

(d) Witnesses

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A person who is subject to the jurisdiction of the Exchange shall testify under oath or affirmation. The oath or affirmation shall be administered by a court reporter or a notary public.

(e) Additional Information

At any time during its consideration, the Hearing Panel may direct a Party to submit additional information. Any additional information submitted shall be provided to all Parties at least one day before the Hearing Panel renders its decision.

(f) Transcript

The hearing shall be recorded by a court reporter and a written transcript thereof shall be prepared. A transcript of the hearing shall be available to the Parties for purchase from the court reporter at prescribed rates. A witness may purchase a copy of the transcript of his or her own testimony from the court reporter at prescribed rates. Proposed corrections to the transcript may be submitted by affidavit to the Hearing Panel within a reasonable time determined by the Hearing Panel. Upon notice to all the Parties to the proceeding, the Hearing Panel may order corrections to the transcript as requested or sua sponte.

(g) Record and Evidence Not Admitted

The record shall consist of the notice initiating the proceeding, the declaration, and the proposed order described in Rule 9810(b); the transcript of the hearing; all evidence considered by the Hearing Panel; and any other document or item accepted into the record by the Hearing Officer or the Hearing Panel. The Office of Hearing Officers shall be the custodian of the record. Proffered evidence that is not accepted into the record by the Hearing Panel shall be retained by the custodian of the record until the date when the Exchange's decision becomes final or, if applicable, upon the conclusion of any review by the Commission or the federal courts.

(h) Failure to Appear at Hearing

If a Respondent fails to appear at a hearing for which it has notice, the allegations in the notice and accompanying declaration may be deemed admitted, and the Hearing Panel may issue a temporary cease and desist order without further proceedings. If the Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation fails to appear at a hearing for which it has notice, the Hearing Panel may order that the temporary cease and desist proceeding be dismissed.

9840. Issuance of Temporary Cease and Desist Order by Hearing Panel

(a) Basis for Issuance

The Hearing Panel shall issue a written decision stating whether a temporary cease and desist order shall be imposed. The Hearing Panel shall issue the decision not later than

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ten days after receipt of the hearing transcript, unless otherwise extended by the Hearing Officer with the consent of the Parties for good cause shown. A temporary cease and desist order shall be imposed if the Hearing Panel finds:

- (1) by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged violation specified in the notice has occurred; and
- (2) that the violative conduct or continuation thereof is likely to result in significant dissipation or conversion of assets or other significant harm to investors prior to the completion of the underlying disciplinary proceeding under the Rule 9200 and 9300 Series.

(b) Content, Scope, and Form of Order

A temporary cease and desist order shall:

- (1) be limited to ordering a Respondent to cease and desist from violating a specific rule or statutory provision, and, where applicable, to ordering a Respondent to cease and desist from dissipating or converting assets or causing other harm to investors;
- (2) set forth the alleged violation and the significant dissipation or conversion of assets or other significant harm to investors that is likely to result without the issuance of an order;
- (3) describe in reasonable detail the act or acts the Respondent is to take or refrain from taking; and
- (4) include the date and hour of its issuance.

(c) Duration of Order

A temporary cease and desist order shall remain effective and enforceable until the issuance of a decision under Rule 9268 or Rule 9269.

(d) Service

The Office of Hearing Officers shall serve the Hearing Panel's decision and any temporary cease and desist order by personal service, overnight commercial courier, or facsimile. If service is made by facsimile, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the Hearing Panel's decision and any temporary cease and desist order by overnight commercial courier. The temporary cease and desist order shall be effective upon service.

9850. Review by Hearing Panel

At any time after the Office of Hearing Officers serves the Respondent with a temporary cease and desist order, a Party may apply to the Hearing Panel to have the order

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modified, set aside, limited, or suspended. The application shall set forth with specificity the facts that support the request. The Hearing Panel shall respond to the request in writing within ten days after receipt of the request, unless otherwise extended by the Hearing Officer with the consent of the Parties for good cause shown. The Hearing Panel's response shall be served on the Respondent via personal service, overnight commercial courier, or facsimile. If service is made by facsimile, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the temporary cease and desist order by overnight commercial courier. The filing of an application under this Rule shall not stay the effectiveness of the temporary cease and desist order.

9860. Violation of Temporary Cease and Desist Orders

A Respondent who violates a temporary cease and desist order imposed under this Rule Series may have its association or membership suspended or canceled under Rule 9556. The Chief Regulatory Officer of the Exchange must authorize the initiation of any such proceeding in writing.

9870. Application to Commission for Review

Temporary cease and desist orders issued pursuant to this Rule Series constitute final and immediately effective disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Exchange. The right to have any action under this Rule Series reviewed by the Commission is governed by Section 19 of the Exchange Act. The filing of an application for review shall not stay the effectiveness of the temporary cease and desist order, unless the Commission otherwise orders.]

9800. Temporary Cease and Desist Orders

9810. Initiation of Proceeding

(a) Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation

With the prior written authorization of FINRA's Chief Executive Officer or such other senior officers as the Chief Executive Officer may designate, and the Exchange's Chief Regulatory Officer, the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation may initiate a temporary cease and desist proceeding with respect to alleged violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 thereunder; SEC Rules 15g-1 through 15g-9; Equity Rule 2110 (if the alleged violation is unauthorized trading, or misuse or conversion of customer assets, or based on violations of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act); Equity Rule 2120; or Equity Rule 2150 (if the alleged violation is misuse or conversion of customer assets). The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall initiate the proceeding by serving a notice on a member or associated person (hereinafter "Respondent") (or upon counsel representing the Respondent, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the Respondent) and filing a copy thereof with the Office of Hearing Officers.

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The Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall serve the notice by personal service, overnight commercial courier, facsimile, or email. If service is made by facsimile or email, the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall send an additional copy of the notice by personal service or overnight commercial courier. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, sending the notice by overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete. The notice shall be effective when service is complete.

(b) Contents of Notice

The notice shall set forth the rule or statutory provision that the Respondent is alleged to have violated and that the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation is seeking to have the Respondent ordered to cease violating. The notice also shall state whether the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation is requesting the Respondent to be required to take action, refrain from taking action or both. The notice shall be accompanied by:

- (1) a declaration of facts, signed by a person with knowledge of the facts contained therein, that specifies the acts or omissions that constitute the alleged violation;
- (2) a memorandum of points and authorities setting forth the legal theories upon which the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation relies; and
- (3) a proposed order that contains the required elements of a temporary cease and desist order (except the date and hour of the order's issuance), which are set forth in Rule 9840(b).

(c) Authority to Approve Settlements

If the Parties agree to the terms of the proposed temporary cease and desist order, the Hearing Officer shall have the authority to approve and issue the order.

(d) Filing of Underlying Complaint

If the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation has not issued a complaint under Rule 9211 against the Respondent relating to the subject matter of the temporary cease and desist proceeding and alleging violations of the rule or statutory provision specified in the notice described in paragraph (b), the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation shall serve and file such a complaint with the notice initiating the temporary cease and desist proceeding. Service of the complaint can be made in accordance with the service provisions in paragraph (a).

9820. Appointment of Hearing Officer and Hearing Panel

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(a) As soon as practicable after the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation files a copy of the notice initiating a temporary cease and desist proceeding with the Office of Hearing Officers, the Chief Hearing Officer shall assign a Hearing Officer to preside over the temporary cease and desist proceeding. The Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint two Panelists to serve on a Hearing Panel with the Hearing Officer. Each Panelist shall be associated with a member of the Exchange or retired therefrom. The Chief Hearing Officer shall select as a Panelist a person who:

- (1) previously served on the Exchange Review Council;
- (2) previously served on a disciplinary subcommittee of the Exchange Review Council, including a Subcommittee, an Extended Proceeding Committee, or their predecessor subcommittees;
- (3) previously served as a Director, but does not currently serve in any of these positions;
- (4) served on the FINRA National Adjudicatory Council or on a disciplinary subcommittee of the FINRA National Adjudicatory Council prior to the date that the Exchange commenced operating as a national securities exchange; or
- (5) is a FINRA Panelist approved by the Exchange Board at least annually, or is drawn from other sources the Board deems appropriate given the responsibilities of Panelists.
- (b) If at any time a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist determines that he or she has a conflict of interest or bias or circumstances otherwise exist where his or her fairness might reasonably be questioned, or if a Party files a motion to disqualify a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist, the recusal and disqualification proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with Rules 9233 and 9234, except that:
- (1) a motion seeking disqualification of a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist must be filed no later than 5 days after the later of the events described in paragraph (b) of Rules 9233 and 9234; and
- (2) the Chief Hearing Officer shall appoint a replacement Panelist using the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of this Rule.

9830. Hearing

(a) When Held

The hearing shall be held not later than 15 days after service of the notice and filing initiating the temporary cease and desist proceeding, unless otherwise extended by the Chief Hearing Officer or Deputy Chief Hearing Officer for good cause shown. If a Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist is recused or disqualified, the hearing shall be held

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not later than five days after a replacement Hearing Officer or Hearing Panelist is appointed.

(b) Service of Notice of Hearing

The Office of Hearing Officers shall serve a notice of date, time, and place of the hearing on the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation and the Respondent (or upon counsel representing the Respondent, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the Respondent) not later than seven days before the hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the Hearing Officer. Service shall be made by personal service, overnight commercial courier, facsimile or email. If service is made by facsimile or email, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the notice by personal service or overnight commercial courier. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, sending the notice by overnight courier or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete. The notice shall be effective when service is complete.

(c) Authority of Hearing Officer

The Hearing Officer shall have authority to do all things necessary and appropriate to discharge his or her duties as set forth under Rule 9235.

(d) Witnesses

A person who is subject to the jurisdiction of the Exchange shall testify under oath or affirmation. The oath or affirmation shall be administered by a court reporter or a notary public.

(e) Additional Information

Prior to the hearing, the Hearing Officer may order a Party to furnish to all other Parties and the Hearing Panel such information as deemed appropriate, including any or all of the pre-hearing submissions described in Rule 9242(a). The documentary evidence submitted by the Parties pursuant to this paragraph shall not become part of the record, unless the Hearing Officer or Hearing Panel orders some or all of such evidence included pursuant to Rule 9830(g). At any time during the Hearing Panel's consideration, the Hearing Panel may direct a Party to submit additional information. Any additional information submitted shall be provided to all Parties at least one day before the Hearing Panel renders its decision.

(f) Transcript

The hearing shall be recorded by a court reporter and a written transcript thereof shall be prepared. A transcript of the hearing shall be available to the Parties for purchase from

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the court reporter at prescribed rates. A witness may purchase a copy of the transcript of his or her own testimony from the court reporter at prescribed rates. Proposed corrections to the transcript may be submitted by affidavit to the Hearing Panel within a reasonable time determined by the Hearing Panel. Upon notice to all the Parties to the proceeding, the Hearing Panel may order corrections to the transcript as requested or sua sponte.

(g) Record and Evidence Not Admitted

The record shall consist of the notice initiating the proceeding, the declaration, and the proposed order described in Rule 9810(b); the transcript of the hearing; all evidence considered by the Hearing Panel; and any other document or item accepted into the record by the Hearing Officer or the Hearing Panel. The Office of Hearing Officers shall be the custodian of the record. Proffered evidence that is not accepted into the record by the Hearing Panel shall be retained by the custodian of the record until the date when the Exchange's decision becomes final or, if applicable, upon the conclusion of any review by the SEC or the federal courts.

(h) Failure to Appear at Hearing

If a Respondent fails to appear at a hearing for which it has notice, the allegations in the notice and accompanying declaration may be deemed admitted, and the Hearing Panel may issue a temporary cease and desist order without further proceedings. If the Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation fails to appear at a hearing for which it has notice, the Hearing Panel may order that the temporary cease and desist proceeding be dismissed.

9840. Issuance of Temporary Cease and Desist Order by Hearing Panel

(a) Basis for Issuance

The Hearing Panel shall issue a written decision stating whether a temporary cease and desist order shall be imposed. The Hearing Panel shall issue the decision not later than ten days after receipt of the hearing transcript, unless otherwise extended by the Chief Hearing Officer or Deputy Chief Hearing Officer for good cause shown. A temporary cease and desist order shall be imposed if the Hearing Panel finds:

- (1) that the Department of Enforcement or Department of Market Regulation has made a showing of a likelihood of success on the merits; and
- (2) that the alleged violative conduct or continuation thereof is likely to result in significant dissipation or conversion of assets or other significant harm to investors prior to the completion of the underlying disciplinary proceeding under the Rule 9200 and 9300 Series.

(b) Content, Scope, and Form of Order

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A temporary cease and desist order shall:

(1) be limited to ordering a Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member firm) to cease and desist from violating a specific rule or statutory provision, and, where applicable, to ordering a Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member firm) to cease and desist from dissipating or converting assets or causing other harm to investors;

- (2) set forth the alleged violation and the significant dissipation or conversion of assets or other significant harm to investors that is likely to result without the issuance of an order;
- (3) describe in reasonable detail the act or acts the Respondent (and any successor of a Respondent, where the Respondent is a member firm) shall take, refrain from taking, or both; and
- (4) include the date and hour of its issuance.

(c) Duration of Order

A temporary cease and desist order shall remain effective and enforceable until the issuance of a decision under Rule 9268 or Rule 9269, or until a settlement offer is accepted pursuant to Rule 9270.

(d) Service and Dissemination Requirements

The Office of Hearing Officers shall serve the Hearing Panel's decision and any temporary cease and desist order on the Department of Enforcement or the Department of Market Regulation and the Respondent (or upon counsel representing the Respondent or person, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the Respondent) by personal service, overnight commercial courier, facsimile, or email. If service is made by facsimile or email, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the Hearing Panel's decision and any temporary cease and desist order by personal service or overnight commercial courier. Service is complete upon sending the notice by facsimile or email, sending the notice by overnight courier, or delivering it in person, except that, where duplicate service is required, service is complete when the duplicate service is complete. The temporary cease and desist order shall be effective when service is complete. The Office of Hearing Officers shall provide a copy of the temporary cease and desist order to each Exchange member with which a Respondent is associated.

(e) Delivery Requirement

Where a Respondent is a member firm, Respondent shall deliver a copy of a temporary cease and desist order, within one business day of receiving it, to its associated persons.

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9850. Review by Hearing Panel

At any time after the Office of Hearing Officers serves the Respondent (or counsel representing the Respondent, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the Respondent) with a temporary cease and desist order, a Party may apply to the Hearing Panel to have the order modified, set aside, limited, or suspended. The application shall set forth with specificity the facts that support the request. The Hearing Panel that presided over the temporary cease and desist order proceeding shall retain jurisdiction to modify, set aside, limit, or suspend the temporary cease and desist order, unless at the time the application is filed a Hearing Panel has already been appointed in the underlying disciplinary proceeding commenced under Rule 9211 in which case the Hearing Panel appointed in the disciplinary proceeding has jurisdiction. The Hearing Panel shall respond to the request in writing within ten days after receipt of the request, unless otherwise extended by the Chief Hearing Officer or Deputy Chief Hearing Officer for good cause shown. The Hearing Panel's response shall be served on the Respondent (or upon counsel representing the Respondent, or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141, when counsel or other person authorized to represent others under Rule 9141 agrees to accept service for the Respondent) via personal service, overnight commercial courier, facsimile, or email. If service is made by facsimile or email, the Office of Hearing Officers shall send an additional copy of the temporary cease and desist order by personal service or overnight commercial courier. The filing of an application under this Rule shall not stay the effectiveness of the temporary cease and desist order.

9860. Violation of Temporary Cease and Desist Orders

A Respondent who violates a temporary cease and desist order imposed under this Rule Series may have its association or membership suspended or canceled or be subject to any fitting sanction under Rule 9556. The Chief Regulatory Officer of the Exchange must authorize the initiation of any such proceeding in writing.

9870. Application to SEC for Review

Temporary cease and desist orders issued pursuant to this Rule Series constitute final and immediately effective disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Exchange. The right to have any action under this Rule Series reviewed by the SEC is governed by Section 19 of the Exchange Act. The filing of an application for review shall not stay the effectiveness of the temporary cease and desist order, unless the SEC otherwise orders.

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